MEMORANDUM FOR
HIS EXCELLENCY, THE PRESIDENT

I have the honor to recommend that the DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT STAR of the Philippines be awarded to Lieut. J. D. Buckley, U.S. Navy, Commander of the P.T. boat that transported His Excellency, the President, his family, and other members of his party, from Dumaguete, Negros Oriental to Oroquieta, Misamis, and to torpedomen James Vallejo and John Houlihan of the same boat, for extraordinary coolness in face of danger. Their quick action in dropping the torpedoes, the mechanism of which had been set into action by the breaking of the retaining pins, saved the lives of all those aboard.

I likewise recommend that the DISTINGUISHED SERVICE STAR of the Philippines be awarded to Lieut. Colonel Andres Soriano, Inf. Res., P.A., and Major Basilio Fernando, Air Corps, P.A., for the valuable information obtained through their flight on an unarmed transport plane over the Visayan Seas where, according to telegraphic reports, enemy destroyers had been seen. Their report made possible the continuation of the projected of His Excellency and party to Mindanao inspite of unfavorable telegraphic reports. During the trip on the P.T. boat from Dumaguete to Oroquieta, Lieut. Colonel Soriano's presence of mind greatly assisted Lieut. Buckley in reassuring the President and his family that disaster had been averted and that everything was all right.

Attached hereto are the general orders awarding these decorations.

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